

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the changes to the following paragraphs:

[0009] ~~One~~ In one aspect, the collar is formed as an axial extension of a plurality of discrete, bendable latch fingers. A radially outward extending projection is formed on each latch finger. Each projection defines an arcuate recess with an adjacent spaced portion of the second housing for rotatably receiving the lip on the first housing.

[0028] Further, the swivel connection between two portions of the connector ~~to~~ 100 can also be applied to quick connectors having axially displaceable retainers as shown in U.S. Patent Nos. 5,542,712 and 5,456,600.

[0029] As is conventional, the side flanges 122 in the second housing 114 include[s] a pair of centralized, axially-extending, inward opening notches, not shown, while the retainer 66 includes a catch means, such as a ramped external projection or retention barb extending outwardly on each leg. The longitudinal notches cooperate with the retention barbs to releasably secure the retainer 66 in a partially-inserted, "pre-assembly" or "shipping" position within the second housing 114.

[0031] A collar 136 includes a plurality of flexible or bendable legs, with four legs 150, 152, 154, and ~~to~~ 155 being shown in Figs. 1-4 by example. The legs 150, 152, 154 and ~~to~~ 155 each have a generally arcuate shape and form a discontinuous circular shape for the collar 136. Two adjacent legs, such as legs 150 and 152 or legs 150 and 154, are separated by slots 156 which allow bending of each leg 150, 152, 154 and ~~to~~ 155 during connection of the first and second housings 106 and 114.

[0032] The first and second housings 106 and 114 are swivelably and rotatably connected to each other by at least one and preferably a plurality of locking projections or fingers 160 which extend radially outward from the collar portion of

the legs 150, 152, 154 and ~~156~~ 155. Each projection 160 has a tapered or angled ramp surface 162 extending from the end portion of each leg 150, 152, 154 and ~~156~~ 155. The ramp portion 162 terminates in a radially outer edge 164 which is disposed adjacent to an annular recess 166 formed between each projection 160 and the adjacent annular ring 116 of the second housing 114.

[0033] During engagement of the first and second housings 106 and 114, the axially extending end portion of each leg 150, 152, 154 and ~~156~~ 155 passes freely through the open end of the bore in the first housing 106 inward of the lip 108.

[0034] The ramp surfaces 160 then engage the lip 108 and cause radially inward bending of each leg 150, 152, 154 and ~~156~~ 155 until the top edge 164 of each leg 150, 152, 154 and ~~156~~ 155 clears the radially inner edge of the lip 108 and brings the lip 108 into engagement with the adjacent recess 166. Each of the legs 150, 152, 154 and ~~156~~ 155 then snaps radially outward.